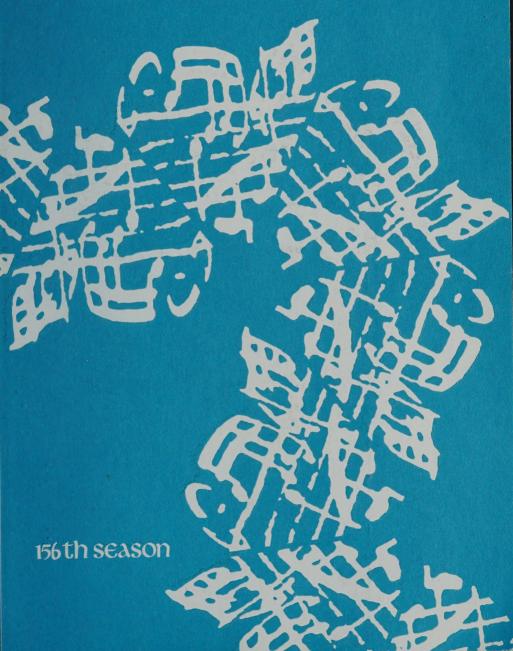
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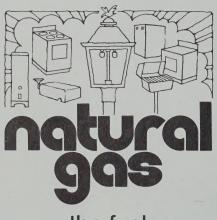
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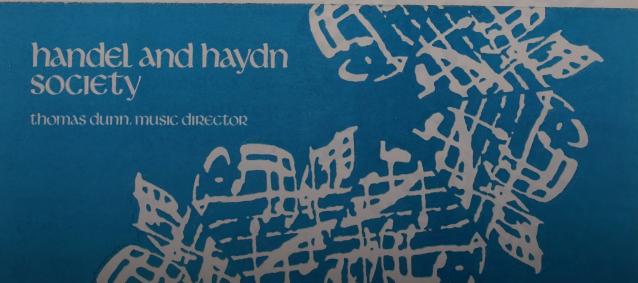


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Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Ludwig van Beethoven was born at Bonn, Germany, on December 15 (or 16), 1770. The last great composer of the Classic Period, he became undisputed master of the symphonic form. During the nineteenth century his music attained a degree of popularity unmatched by that of any other composer. Thought, by some, to be the greatest composer of all time, Beethoven became the object of musical hero-worship. That his music came full upon the scene at the beginning of the Romantic Period probably accounts for the unfortunate excesses of his would-be interpreters.

Nowhere was Beethoven held in greater esteem and admiration than in Boston, where the musical organizations which were to have such a profound effect upon the cultural life of this city were undergoing their formative years coincident with the rise of Beethoven's music to the crest of its popularity. An unfortunate effect of this coincidence is that the symphonies of Mozart and Haydn, a knowledge of which is essential to an understanding of the development of the symphonic form, were too long neglected. Perhaps less true of Mozart, but especially true in the case of Haydn, much of their superb

symphonic literature remains relatively unknown to the present day.

Undoubtedly, had Beethoven composed more choral music than he did, and were his choral music less taxing to sing, the great choral societies which dominated musical activities in this country in the mid-nineteenth century might have become as pre-occupied with his music as were the developing symphony orchestras of that era. Even so, with all of its inherent vocal difficulties, Beethoven's music stirred strong passions in choral breasts. This was particularly true of the young Handel and Haydn Society, for which Beethoven and his music were to acquire special historic significance, the most durable evidence of which is an imposing bronze statue of the composer, once owned by the Society, which now stands in the foyer of The New England Conservatory of Music.

The Handel and Haydn Society was founded on March 24, 1815, when Beethoven was forty-five years old, just a few years before he began work on his two most stirring choral masterpieces, the Missa Solemnis, Op. 123, and the Ninth Symphony, Op. 125, both of which were completed in 1823. One year earlier, Beethoven had been approached by letter to compose an oratorio for the Handel and Haydn Society. Postponed because of his expressed need to compose music for more immediate financial gain, his "Boston Oratorio" was never completed. There is no evidence, for that matter, that work on it was ever begun, although Beethoven referred to the commission in correspondence with a friend in London, and he expressed the hope that his health would permit him

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Kyrie Gloria Credo Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei

Intermission

STRAVINSKY Pulcinella

Larry Berthelson's Pickwick Puppet Theatre

Puppeteered by Mary Allen, Larry Berthelson, Jessie Hull, Ken Moses and Teddy Shepard Puppets by Larry Berthelson Sets by Caroly Wilcox Props by Mary Allen Lighting by Mosetrol Theatre Technology Directed by Larry Berthelson

Yamaha Piano

Pulcinella

Commedia dell'Arte with Songs - Music by Stravinsky (after Pergolesi)

Cast of characters (in order of their appearance):

Prudenza - in love with Florindo Florindo - in love with Prudenza

Dottore - Prudenza's father

Pantalone - a miser, Florindo's father

Pulcinella - a master of disguises

Pimpinella - in love with Pulcinella

Capitano Braccadio - betrothed to Prudenza

The singers: a soprano, a tenor and a bass

The scene is set in Naples during the eighteenth century.

Overture

Tenor aria

Scene 1: The two lovers, Prudenza and Florindo, are separated by their feuding fathers and told never to see each other again. Meanwhile, Pulcinella orders Pimpinella to stop chasing him and leave. Pulcinella agrees to help his old friend, Florindo, win Prudenza. He disguises himself first as Pantalone and then as the Dottore in the first step of his plan to overcome the fathers' feud.

Soprano aria

Scene 2: The Dottore agrees to give Prudenza's hand in marriage to the pompous Capitano Braccadio. Pulcinello overhears and disguises himself as the Capitano to help the lovers.

Bass aria

Scene 3: Rather than lose each other forever, Prudenza and Florindo plan to end their lives.

Trio - soprano, tenor and bass

Tenor aria

Duet - tenor and soprano

Tenor aria

Scene 4: Pulcinella intercedes with the two lovers to prevent them from ending their lives and vows to help them. The Dottore unveils a statue of himself in the town square.

Soprano aria

Scene 5: Pulcinella, in the disguise of Capitano Braccadio, completely destroys the statue of the Dottore. The Dottore orders the "Capitano" from his house forever. Pulcinella disguises himself again as Pantalone and then as the Dottore and wins the fathers' agreements to the marriage of their children. The real Capitano Braccadio, who has been eavesdropping on this scene, challenges Pulcinella to a duel. Through his cleverness, Pulcinella outwits the Capitano.

Trio - soprano, tenor and bass

Finale

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ELGAR: Introduction and Allegro for Strings

The enthusiasm of admirers and the denunciations of hostile critics have made it difficult properly and impartially to assay the music of Edward Elgar (1875-1934). When G. B. Shaw, ired at statements of Edward Dent, an English music historian, derogatory to Elgar, boasts that "Elgar holds the same position in English music as Beethoven in German music . . . Professor Dent should not have belittled his country by belittling the only great English composer who is not dwarfed by the German giants", he could naturally count on raising a few eyebrows. When Basil Maine, Elgar's biographer, extols the *Introduction and Allegro* as "a very flame of inspiration" while others dismiss it as merely competent string writing, a just appreciation is not rendered more attainable.

Elgar was virtually a self-taught musician and thus had no chains of academic forging to break. During the 1890s the composer brought out a large number of works (mostly choral pieces) in print. He had not as yet acquired the wider recognition won by the Enigma Variations, op. 36 and the Dream of Gerontius (performed by the Handel and Haydn Society in 1967). Elgar had learned about the capabilities of instruments and voices by leading amateur musical groups, the most curious being the orchestra composed of staff members of the Worcester City and County Pauper Lunatic Asylum. An inadequate first performance of Gerontius (1900) did not reveal the stature of this work or of its composer. Elgar had to go to the continent and there be hailed by Strauss as "Meister Edward Elgar, the first English progressivist" to stir public interest at home. What Strauss really meant is far from clear, but the turn into the new century brought prominence to Elgar unlike that accorded any other British composer.

It is regrettable that Elgar is known in the United States almost entirely for the tune from the first *Pomp and Circumstance March*. While typical in one respect, it does not represent the introspective and melancholic side of Elgar's character. The wistful viola melody with its "dying fall" near the beginning of the *Introduction and Allegro* communicates this quality quite well. Interestingly enough this theme was inspired by a tune Elgar heard and was attracted to while vacationing in Wales in 1901. Again in 1904 he heard a similar tune at just about the time he was being encouraged to write a string piece for the then newly

founded London Symphony Orchestra.

The Introduction and Allegro for Strings was performed for the first time in March, 1905 at an all-Elgar concert of the London Symphony, the composer conducting. (Elgar was an excellent and exciting conductor, as his many recordings demonstrate. Unfortunately, the present work is not among them.) At about this same time honors began to find their way to Sir Edward (knighted in 1904). He received two honorary doctorates: one from Oxford and another from Yale. The latter came to him through the good offices of Professor S. S. Sanford of Yale, and Elgar in appreciation dedicated his newest work to this close friend.

The Introduction and Allegro defies classification in one of the conventional genres. The instrumentation, string quartet and orchestra, suggests something of the concerto grosso and Elgar does play off the sonority of one against the other. However, there is no thematic distinction between the two nor is there any virtuosity demanded of the soloists which is not likewise demanded of the orchestra. If regarded as a sonata form it deviates from the models of the Classic composers by replacing the development with a fugue, whose principal subject is unrelated to the exposition. Because of his unorthodox background Elgar was hardly enslaved by adherence to formal principles for their own sake.

One could not find in Elgar's works a more consistent or more thoroughly unified composition. The rich sonority of the nine-part string writing is a joy in itself. After the powerful opening gesture in G minor, the apparent "preluding"

of the solo violin, answered by the orchestra, is really a preview of the first theme of the Allegro. Then follows the "Welsh" tune (solo viola) which is

subsequently elaborated by the orchestra.

The two principal themes of the "exposition" are neatly contrasted. The first rises and falls in a single curve. The second is a nervous pattern of rapidly repeated chords leading to a passage of tremendous power, as the theme, stated at the very beginning, is presented in unison by all of the higher strings again as wide-ranging movement in the bass.

As the agitation dies away a "devil of a fugue . . . with all sorts of japes [tricks] and counterpoint," to use Elgar's own colorful description, begins. The somewhat jagged subject lends itself to energetic developments of great vitality. Elgar draws all the threads together over a sustained D in the basses and proceeds to the recapitulation, which duplicates the exposition in the conventional way. As the peroration we hear the Welsh tune in G major instead of minor, not triumphantly, but solemnly, and with noble reserve.

HAYDN: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Kleine Orgelmesse)

This "little" mass can scarcely be considered a journeyman work or diminutive in any artistic sense. In 1775, the year of its composition, Haydn was a mature composer, forty-three years of age, with over fifty symphonies, thirty-six quartets and six operas to his credit. Four settings of the Ordinary of the Mass, including the great St. Cecilia Mass, preceded this one. The "kleine" (little) in the subtitle distinguishes this mass from a longer one which also incorporates a prominent solo for organ in the Benedictus. Haydn's own title, Missa brevis meant in the eighteenth century that elaborate orchestral accompaniment or extended, quasi-independent solo passages (as in the so-called "cantata-mass") had been avoided and that the work was of a length suitable for ordinary Sundays.

It became customary during the Baroque era to compose masses "in honor of" a saint as a kind of ex voto offering. (Five of Haydn's masses are so titled.) Two of the saints Haydn chose to honor in this way offer an insight into the personal qualities he admired. Both John of God and Bernard of Offida (in whose honor the Heiligmesse was written) were noted for their humility and

solicitude for the poor and sick.

John of God (Juan Cuidad) founded in the first half of the sixteenth century the Brothers of Mercy for the care of the sick. Their churches with pharmacy and hospital attached are still an important feature of many Austrian cities and towns. Haydn himself had benefited from their ministrations. In the 1750s Haydn was organist at the Brothers' church in the Leopoldstadt (Vienna) and H. C. Robbins Landon believes that the composer's first two masses might have been written for this church. In 1771 Haydn' Salve Regina (also with an organ solo) was performed in the Brothers' church at Eisenstadt. This long association with the order implies that the Kleine Orgelmesse involved a commitment on a personal as well as on an artistic level, that it was no perfunctory discharge of an obligation as much of Mozart's Salzburg church music was.

The corpus of Haydn's church music includes many glorious monuments of his art which are too little known in comparison with the symphonies of the 1790s. Haydn's first biographer, Giuseppe Carpani, claimed that he (Carpani) recovered immediately from a fever after hearing one of the masses. He draws from this singular cure a likewise singular moral: "I am of the opinion that many of the complaints of our nervous ladies might be cured by my remedy, but not by that ineffectual music which they go to hear at a concert, after having put on a charming bonnet. Women, never in their lives, nor do we [men] ourselves while young, give a full attention to music, except when we hear it in the dark [and all distractions are removed]." Signor Carpani (were he alive today) and Women's Lib advocates might have a few words to exchange but he may have a point about our lack of "full attention to music."

Save for the smaller orchestral forces (two violins and basso continuo) necessitated by the small choir-loft at Eisenstadt, the opening of the Kyrie

resembles the majestic slow introduction of the larger masses. Sustained chords in the choral parts contrast with the emphatic broken chords and repeated notes in the violins. Haydn is accustomed to use this continuity of instrumental figuration in his masses to insure the unity of the movement. The figuration in the Gloria is different from that of the Kyrie but subtly related to that of the Credo. First and second violins play this figuration in unison, parallel thirds or sixths; there is comparatively little independent contrapuntal activity in the Kleine Orgelmesse. The entire text up to "Cum Sancto Spiritu" requires only fourteen measures because the text is divided into four sections, each of which is assigned to a different voice part and sung simultaneously. All of the voices do not have the same text until "Cum Sancto Spiritu."

This strange treatment of the text was employed for the sake of brevity and was apparently not considered any more incongruous than, for instance, the recitation of prayers during one of the sung portions of the mass. Most of Haydn's mass have either this procedure or omission/transposition of text. To avoid this polytextuality, his brother Michael composed an alternate version of the Gloria of the Kleine Orgelmesse using the motivic material of the original but

with trumpets added.

The text of the *Credo* is treated similarly except that the two passages suitable for lyric treatment, "Et incarnatus" and "Crucifixus," are set to an eloquent Adagio. From "Et resurrexit" on the text is divided among the voice parts until "Et vitam venturi"; this phrase is sung to the same music which concluded the *Gloria*.

The Sanctus begins contrapuntally but at "Pleni sunt" returns to the declamatory style which has so far dominated the mass. As in the Gloria, figuration is a foil to the choral body. The longest movement of the mass, Benedictus, is the traditional slow aria, in this case for solo soprano. The organ solo does not combine with the voice in duet fashion (as in the solos with obbligato instrument of Bach's cantatas). Rather, the organ alternates with the soloist so that no more than one melodic line is heard at a time. The first violin generally doubles the voice.

In the Agnus Dei Haydn contrasts the descending string passages with dramatic invocations to the Lamb of God. The suppliant "Dona nobis pacem" is one of the most artful closes Haydn ever devised. It comes upon the listener

unexpectedly yet avoids any feeling of abruptness.

STRAVINSKY: Pulcinella

Today, half a century after the premiere of Pulcinella (1920) it is difficult to recapture the surprise of that first audience as the mild and ingratiating sounds of the Sinfonia came from the orchestra pit. Hardly anyone could have been prepared for this sudden volte-face in Stravinsky's artistic evolution. The Stravinsky of the ballets had established an international reputation for himself, especially with the Rite of Spring. After the war he had turned to the chiseled sonorities of the chamber ensemble, a bolder treatment of dissonance, and an emphasis on contrapuntal procedures (The Soldier's Tale, Ragtime, the early stages of The Wedding). He had not, up to this point, shown in an unmistakable way his subsequent interest in the music of the past or in "art about art", as one critic termed his reworkings of the music of other composers: Pergolesi in Pulcinella, Rossini in Jeu de cartes and Tchaikowsky in The Fairy's Kiss.

The suggestion which ultimately led to *Pulcinella* came from Serge Diaghilev. Diaghilev and Stravinsky had had a falling-out over *The Soldier's Tale* (1918), and this overture was an invitation to renew their collaborative efforts. Diaghilev presented the composer with manuscript copies of works supposedly by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736) and proposed that Stravinsky make some arrangements suitable for a ballet. During the previous season in Paris *The Good-Humored Ladies*, a ballet based on the music of D. Scarlatti arranged by Tommasini, had proven quite successful. Costumes and scenery for this new ballet were to be by Picasso, and Diaghilev provided a scenario based on a story

in an eighteenth-century Neapolitan manuscript.

The plot, inspired by the Italian improvised comedy (commedia dell'arte), called for a cast with five characters dressed as Pulcinella. The review in the London Times was quite honest about the resulting confusion: "We are not very sure as to what the story actually is, and do feel pretty sure that it does not much matter." For his Pickwick Puppet Theatre production Larry Berthelson has reworked the story (see the program page), retaining the commedia dell'arte,

characters but substituting a simplified plot.

Each of the characters of the traditional commedia had a fairly well-defined set of attributes, including a traditional costume. Pulcinella's consisted of a large white blouse (which sometimes covered a paunch of Falstaffian proportions) belted over pantaloons. He wore a black mask over the upper part of his face and was humpbacked. Although intimately associated with Naples he appeared for the first time in sixth-century Rome. The characters of the commedia dell'arte spread beyond the comic stage and beyond the borders of Italy. Rossini's Barber of Seville (based on an eighteenth-century French play) has a cast virtually interchangeable with that in this version of Pulcinella. The English Punch embodies all the viscious traits of his Italian ancestor, but little of his wit.

This evening we shall hear all of the Pulcinella music, not just the numbers which have become familiar in the suite Stravinsky extracted from the ballet. For the suite Stravinsky dropped the entire middle section of the ballet, which included several songs, and wrote purely instrumental versions of two vocal numbers: the first tenor aria and the last trio. The text of the songs has absolutely nothing to do with the plot either in the original or in the revised version; the sounds of the words have a sonorous value for Stravinsky, a value

quite independent of their literal meaning.

On the title page of the score the composer is identified as "Igor Stravinsky-after Giambattista Pergolesi." It is well known now that only the vocal numbers are actually by Pergolesi. The attribution of the instrumental works arranged by Stravinsky was recognized to be most doubtful even in the eighteenth century. During that period confusion of authorship was widespread; publishers and copyists did not shrink from adding the name of a celebrated composer to their wares of uncertain origin. Perhaps fifteen percent of classic works have been assigned to more than one author. Doubtful authenticity of the models in no way alters the quality or validity of Stravinsky's *Pulcinella*; his treatment of the material is of far more interest than its origin. *Pulcinella* is an evocation of the *galant* world of lucidity and grace, not the homage of one composer to another.

Stravinsky selected trio sonatas, harpsichord pieces and arias and scored them for the classic orchestra, omitting the tympani but employing one trombone. He has maintained or even surpassed the textural clarity of the originals. No brief summation can hope to describe Stravinsky's ingenuity in transforming his models. Sometimes phrases are shortened by the omission of motivic repetition; at other times repetitions are added. Stravinsky did not always find the phrase symmetry of "Pergolesi" to his liking and disrupted it in this way. He also

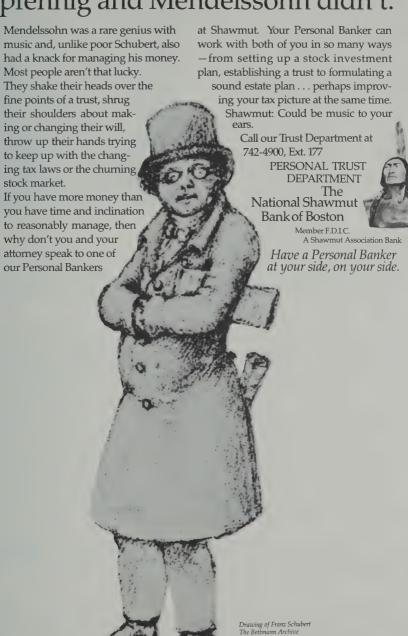
supplies ostinati not in the original.

Harmonic enrichment is not chromatic but diatonic: classic music with added tones—"wrong notes" which always sound just right in the context Stravinsky constructs. Shortly after the première of *Pulcinella* Alfredo Salazar aptly described these added tones as dissonance "encrusted as pure acoustic

value-expression through the color of dissonance."

The melodic lines of the original are scrupulously respected, but Stravinsky seems to prefer stepwise bass motion to the leaps in the original. He rarely adds contrapuntal enrichment except in the form of sustained pedal points. *Pulcinella*, then, is not merely an "arrangement" of someone else's music—it is far more a creative collaboration. The composer later acknowledged the seminal effect the work had on his development: "*Pulcinella* was my discovery of the past, the epiphany through which the whole of my late work became possible."

Why Schubert died without a pfennig and Mendelssohn didn't.



Thomas Dunn



Three years ago, when Thomas Dunn became Music Director of the Handel and Haydn Society, he brought with him new life for America's oldest active choral society. His dynamic direction, musical scholarship, and imaginative programming have fashioned the Handel and Haydn Society into one of the finest chorus-orchestra combinations in the country.

A graduate of John Hopkins University, the Peabody Conservatory of Music, from which institution he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Harvard University, Mr. Dunn studied conducting as a Fulbright Scholar at the Royal Conservatory in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, where he was awarded that country's highest award in music, the Diploma in Orchestral Conducting.

Mr. Dunn has been instructor of theory and applied music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and an instructor of music history at Swarthmore College, where he also was conductor of its glee club and orchestra. He has been a lecturer at the Institute for Humanistic Studies for Executives at the University of Pennsylvania, and has been on the faculty of the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary, New York. In the summers of 1968 and 1969 he conducted at the Bach Festival at the University of Buffalo and lectured on Bach cantatas. Last summer he also taught at the Blossom Music Festival. This past summer Mr. Dunn was invited to Aspen, Colorado to lecture on Haydn's "Seasons," and Mozart's "Vesperae de Dominica."

In addition to his duties as Music Director and Conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society, Mr. Dunn is also Director of Music at New York's Church of the Incarnation, Editor-in-chief of E. C. Schirmer Music Company, and Music Director of the Festival Orchestra of New York.

Assisting Artists

LOU ANN LEE, soprano, received her early training in Portland, Oregon. Her extensive operatic experience includes performances with the Opera Orchestra of New York, UCLA Opera Workshop, American Opera Center and the Portland Opera Association. She is currently preparing the role of Violetta in *La Traviata* to be performed in January with the Bronx Opera. Miss Lee has toured and recorded with the Gregg Smith Singers, The Camarata Singers and the Oprheon Chorale. Miss Lee is making her Boston debut tonight.

JON HUMPHREY, tenor, is well known to New England audiences from past performances of *Messiah* with the Handel and Haydn Society, from his position as tenor in residence for several seasons at the renowned Marlboro Music Festival, and through recordings for RCA Victor and Columbia. He has been a soloist with the Robert Shaw Chorale during several seasons of touring and recording and has performed with the New York Pro Musica. In addition, Mr. Humphrey has appeared with many major orchestras throughout the country, including the Cleveland Symphony, and has been a featured soloist at many festivals, most recently the Lincoln Center Mozart Festival, Detroit's Meadow Brook Festival, and the Cincinnati May Festival. He is presently Resident Artist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Last season Mr. Humphrey performed Monteverdi's *Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda and* Britten's *Cantata Misericordium*.

JOHN OSTENDORF, bass-baritone, is currently a member of the Metropolitan Opera Studio. He has also performed with the Santa Fe and Chautauqua Opera. In the past few years, Mr. Ostendorf has performed at Philharmonic, Carnegie and Tully Hall in works by Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Tonight is Mr. Ostendorf's debut performance in Boston.

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CHORUS AUDITIONS

Auditions for the chorus of the Handel and Haydn Society are scheduled throughout the season. Singers interested in auditioning are invited either to attend chorus rehearsals which are held Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church, Copley Square, Boston, or contact the Handel and Haydn Society, 416 Marlborough Street, Boston, Telephone 536-2951.

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to complete this and a number of other commissions. The proposed "Boston Oratorio" was mentioned also in a Vienna newspaper in 1823, but a few such fragments of information are all that remains of the project. Regrettably, we shall never know what Beethoven might have written for the Handel and Haydn

Society had he lived a few more years.

Ludwig van Beethoven died on March 26, 1827. One might say that he was one of the best-known victims of the inefficiency of the committee system, in that he was attended by a team of Europe's most eminent physicians, all but one of whom advised that his terminal ailment could best be treated with stimulating spirits. The lone dissenter maintained that such treatment would only hasten the composer's demise, but the majority prevailed. Beethoven died of cirrhosis of the liver.

The Handel and Haydn Society gave its first public performance of Beethoven's music on December 22, 1833, in a program which included selections from *Mount of Olives*. The work was well received and, in subsequent years, had countless performances. But it was not until February 5, 1853, that local audiences heard for the first time the work which, ever since, has seemed to epitomize the grandeur of his music. On that date, the chorus of the Handel and Haydn Society joined forces with the new orchestra of the Germania Society to present the first Boston performance of the *Ninth Symphony*. The performance took place before an overflow audience at the recently dedicated Music Hall. In spite of limited orchestral forces, the performance was a huge success, and *Beethoven* became a magic name.

On March 1, 1853, a magnificent statue of the composer was formally unveiled at Music Hall, where it occupied a commanding position at upstage center. It had been commissioned by Charles C. Perkins, President of the Society from 1875 to 1887, of Thomas Crawford, the famous American sculptor. Eventually, Music Hall fell into disuse as a concert hall, and the statue became the property of the Handel and Haydn Society. For a few years, it occupied a niche at the Boston Public Library, but, in 1903, it was consigned to The New England Conservatory of Music on indefinite loan. On June 19, 1951, the Society presented the statue to the Conservatory as a gift. It now stands, as

previously mentioned, in the foyer of the Conservatory.

This concert season marks the bicentennial of Beethoven's birth, the observance of which, beginning prematurely at the end of last season, has been accompanied by a veritable deluge of performances of his music. Considering the historic relationship between Beethoven and the Handel and Haydn Society, some may think it strange, to say the least, that his music has been omitted

from the Society's programs for this season.

We intend no disrespect. On the contrary, although confident that Beethoven's genius was such that his music can survive almost anything, the Handel and Haydn Society has elected to honor this giant among composers by not contributing to the current overexposure of his work, and the Society looks forward to future seasons when the music of Ludwig van Beethoven may be approached afresh.

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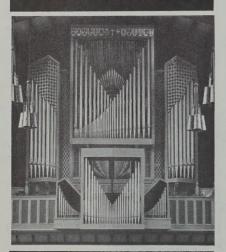
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No concert season in Boston would be complete without the Handel and Haydn Society's traditional performances of *Messiah*. As in the past two years, Music Director Thomas Dunn will present one of the versions of *Messiah* conducted by Handel. Special care is taken that, as far as possible, the forces involved and the performance practice match those current in the mideighteenth century. The Society's annual performances of *Messiah* have been a Boston tradition for 152 years.

Tickets will be on sale at the Society's office after November 9th. Prices are \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00. Tickets will be available at the Symphony Hall Box office after November 23.







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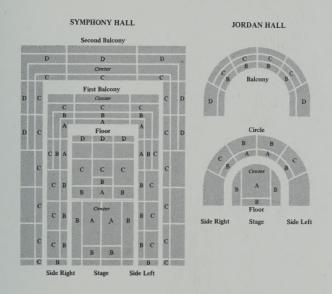
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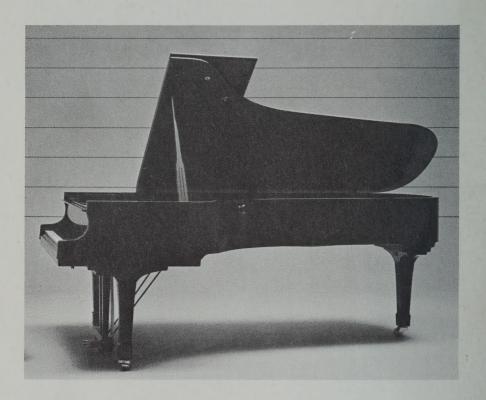
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